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REPORT TO SADAT, RETURN OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY
DELEGATION FROM GENEVA

1. DECEMBER 30 CAIRO PRESS CONTINUES TO PLAY UP
MILITARY THEMES THAT HAVE TAKEN INCREASING PROMINENCE
INPAST FEW DAYS. AHRAM BANNERS STORY OF DOWNING OF
ISRAELI RECONNAISSANCE DRONE AND INCREASING VIOLENCE OF
CLASHES ON SUEZ FRONT. AKHBAR, TOO, FOCUSES ON DOWNING
OF ISRAELI DRONE. ALL PAPERS DRAW ON STATEMENTS BY
UNEF SPOKESMAN IN DECEMBER 29 PRESS CONFERENCE, AND
ON ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS, TO PORTRAY APPARENTLY MOUNTING
CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN FORCES.

2. FAHMY'S REPORT TO SADAT. PRESS ALSO REPORTS
DECEMBER 29 MEETING BETWEEN SUDAT AND FAHMY IN ASWAN, IN WHICH
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LATTER GAVE DETAILED REPORT ON FIRST STAGE OF GENEVA

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TALKS, AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENTS IN MILITARY TALKS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI DELEGATIONS. AHRAM STATES THAT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH INTERNATIONAL AND ARAB CAPITALS AND THAT, FOR THIS REASON, FAHMY WILL REMAIN IN ASWAN TO FOLLOW UP THESE CONTACTS. PRESS ALSO REPORTS FROM NEWS AGENCY SOURCES IN GENEVA THAT POLITICAL TALKS MAY CONVENE AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL JANUARY 15 UNDER SUPERVISION OF US AND USSR; AND THAT, IF THINGS RUN SMOOTHLY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS OF EGYPT, JORDAN, ISRAEL, USSR AND US MAY MEET IN GENEVA JANUARY 21.

3. PRESS ALSO NOTES RETURN OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY DELEGATION FROM GENEVA DECEMBER 29 TO REPORT TO QAR MINISTER ISMAIL ON RESULTS OF FIRST TWO MEETINGS OF JOINT MILITARY COMMMITTEE. EGYPTIAN DELEGATION REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO CAIRO ON ISMAIL'S INSTRUCTIONS.
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